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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS KEEPING SICKNESS AT BAY

A number of people within our school community have identified as having a compromised immune system. The weakened immune system is generally due to underlying medical conditions, making these people more likely to get infections. The existing medical conditions also then make it more difficult for their bodies to fight off illness, resulting in long periods of time away from school.

As a school, we would like to remind all parents to keep children at home when they are sick to ensure they fully recover. We are taking extra precautions in regards to hand washing and sanitising but airborne germs are currently our biggest issue. So if students are still at the phase where they are continually coughing or sneezing, please keep them at home so we can restrict the spread of illness.

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Please notify the school office by 9am if your child/ren will be away.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Attached to today's newsletter is information about our Term 3 Parent/Teacher interview sessions. Booking interviews will again occur using our online booking system, with the details contained in the attached note. Ms Harch and Ms McArthur will be unable to have interviews as they will be away on long service leave during this time period. They will offer their interviews early in Term 4.

Interviews are only 10 minutes in length and if you feel that you require a longer interview, I urge you to make an alternative meeting time with your child's teacher by ringing the office.

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

CREDITS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF ACTIVITIES

If your child has paid for an activity and does not attend, please contact the school office for a credit request form. Credits will only be granted within two weeks of the non-attendance. The credit may then be used for another activity.

ABSENCES MORE THAN TEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS

To comply with legislation, when a student is absent, or plans to be absent, for more than ten consecutive school days for any reason, the parent must comply with their obligations in respect to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation by either: seeking an exemption from their obligation, or by negotiating with the principal to make an alteration to a student's educational program; or by seeking to arrange a flexible arrangement for the student. Parents will be asked to complete an Exemption Form to be authorised by the Principal where approval is granted.

SWIMMING 2019

PREP-Y6

\$112.00 per Student

Due 3.15pm Friday 8 November

Our Swimming Program at the Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre will be held 25 Nov - 6 Dec. Students will travel to the Aquatic Centre daily by chartered bus.

Swimming notes are attached to this newsletter and they are also being distributed today. Invoices will be emailed separately. The cost is \$112.00 per student. Payments close 3.15pm Friday 8 November.

Please return notes even if your child will not be participating, indicating the appropriate box.



SCHOOL RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

Thank you for your support with the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion. The prizes have arrived and will be ready to hand out on the day of the run. Please complete the **NON CONSENT** form attached to today's email if you wish for your child **NOT TO** participate.

MUSIC NOTES

CLASS MUSIC: Half way through the term, and Year 3/4 - 6's have completed and performed their small group piece for their class.

There were some lovely, thoughtful pieces written and performed, displaying some great musicality in the writing styles and arrangements. We'll debrief this week before heading into the set pieces for the rest of the term, with experience teaching the importance of deadlines, resilience and practice, I'm sure. Year 1/2's will be looking at "Monkey" on Xylophone, while the Preps and 1's are continuing "This Old Man" (watch out for "Tony Chestnut").

CHOIR UPDATE: Semester 2 music should be in the hands of all choir members now. We have also issued the "Date Claimer" which I would urge you to check. Please note that the Senior Choir will be performing at the **TYME festival on Thursday September 19.**

TYME: The T.Y.M.E. festival is booked for Thursday September 19 at USQ campus - and we are assured that the weather gods are organized too! Senior Choir and Concert Band will be attending this year, and payment/permission forms are **due 5 September.**



Brett Gredig

Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor

WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL

ACKNOWLEDGES:

All our wonderful helpers who assisted at the Chess competition.

THANK YOU!

BOOKWEEK DRESSUP DAY

Thank you one and all for your fabulous support of a fun day in learning that celebrates the joy of reading. As always, there were many

wonderful costumes and this year, a striking number of very creative and original props from boxes and junk. To quote Einstein, who turned up for the day,

"We might be Roald Dahl or Einstein, if we look and we read and we search and we find. We don't need gadgets, or castles, or towers, because **READING is OUR SECRET POWER!**"



SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION

Sign-up sheets are now in the library for our annual JUNIOR (Yr1-3) and SENIOR (Yr4-6) Chess competition. Students who wish to participate must come and put their name down this week. The draw will begin next week and continue until all games have been played. Games may be played before school and at lunchtimes. The winners receive a trophy.

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian

PREP 2020



Enrolments are now invited for Prep 2020. Enrolment forms are available from our website or the school office.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM



School banking is **every Monday**, so drop your bank books with completed deposit slips in the office mailbox before **9.00am Monday**. If you have any questions regarding school banking, please call **Renee Parker: 0423 163 526**.

P&C NEWS

P&C Meetings are held **every second Tuesday** of each month. The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 Sep at 6.30pm** in the reflection room. All welcome.

5c Drive: We will be collecting 5-cent coins in **Term 4, Week 5 at assembly (6 November)**. The class that collects the most 5-cent coins will receive a prize.

10c Containers: Withcott State School is now a **collection point for 10c containers!** Eligible containers (except glass) can be placed in the pod at the front entrance of the school - near the bus shelter. All members of our community can use this. You can still take your containers to refund centres and use the code **C10042085** to donate the P&C.

Tuckshop: On-line ordering can be found at: www.quickcliq.com.au. **Volunteers are always welcome.**



Withcott State School P&C

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop opens each **Wednesday morning 8.15am - 9.30am**. A noticeboard in the uniform shop advertises second-hand school uniforms. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis.



Lisa Askin

Uniform Shop Coordinator 0418 797 467

**5c DRIVE
WEDNESDAY
6 November**



Start collecting 5c coins.

**2019
P&C LEVIES
NOW DUE
\$50 single \$100
families**



FOUND

A Llama Watch was handed in at the office. If you believe it is yours, please see us at the school office.



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LAMINATING

Laminating takes place on the **first Wednesday morning** of each month and will be ready for collection the following day.

Next Laminating Date: **Wednesday, 4 Sep 2019.**

Prices: A4 - \$1.50, A3 - \$2.50, Posters - \$5 a metre. *Drop items into the office at any time!!*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Notices are published in good faith, though not necessarily endorsed by the school.

4 Bedroom Rental in Withcott area URGENTLY needed. Please phone Mary-Ellen: 0413 435 512

2019 Laidley Spring Festival Parade. Saturday 14 September, commencing at **10am**. For more info contact 5462 0652 or visit lockyerevents@lvrc.qld.gov.au

Gatton Swimming Club Sign On Night: Monday 16 Sep, 5.30pm. Lockyer Valley Aquatic. For more info contact Sheena 0417 794 846 or Tanya 0419 964 470

AFTER SCHOOL

CARE

Congratulations to everyone on their efforts and creativity with their amazing costumes for Book Week. It was exciting finding out who the different characters were and from which books. Spring is almost upon us. We will try our hands at making flowers, bees, and birds. We will be able to do some painting again with the days getting longer and warmer. Holiday Club bookings are now open. Our closest Camp Australia vacation care is at East State School, Mary Street Toowoomba. For any bookings please phone 1300 105 343 or visit www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs. If you have any questions or just want to have a look around please feel free to come and see me. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads - enjoy your Sunday!

Roxanne and team Camp Australia
OSHC 0426 651 149



MEDICATION

Only prescribed medication can be given at school, and will only be administered when accompanied by a signed permission form available from the office. This includes paracetamol (e.g. Panadol). The medication container must have the pharmacy label with the child's name, doctor's name and instructions clearly written. A doctor's letter is required for long-term medication.

SPARE CLOTHES P-3

All students Prep - Year 3 should always have a change of clothes in their bag in case of **toileting accidents**. Borrowed clothing/underwear should be returned, washed, to the school office.



SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019 - TERM 3

- 30 Aug Interschool sport at Gatton
- 2 Sep Making Friends
- 6 Sep Interschool sport at Withcott
- 10 Sep P&C Meeting 6.30pm-Reflection Room
- 11 Sep Junior Choir performing at assembly
- 13 Sep Battle of One Tree Hill Excursion
- 13 Sep Run4Fun Colour Explosion
- 16 Sep Naplan Online Readiness Test day
- 17 Sep Parent/Teacher Interviews (Not 1/2 HS or 1/2 MS)
- 18 Sep Senior Choir performing at assembly
- 19 Sep TYME Festival
- 20 Sep Zone Soccer/Netball Carnival
- 20 Sep **Final Day Term 3 (No Free Dress)**

2019 - TERM 4

- 8 Oct School Resumes
- 16 Oct Junior Choir performing at assembly
- 25 Oct Day for Daniel
- 25 Oct Aquathlon
- 30 Oct Junior & Senior Choir performing at assembly
- 30 Oct Grandparent's Day Assembly
- 30 Oct Art in the Dark & Evening of Music
- 18 Nov Y4 PCYC Cycle Safety
- 6 Nov 5c Drive Collection
- 15 Nov St Helena Island Y3/4 Excursion
- 25 Nov-6Dec P-6 Swimming Program
- 2 Dec Senior Farewell Dinner
- 11 Dec School Concert Night (TBC)
- 13 Dec **Final Day Term 4 (No Free Dress)**

PAYMENTS/ PERMISSIONS DUE

- 5 Sep \$10 TYME Festival
- 30 Oct \$47.00 St. Helena Excursion
- 8 Nov \$112.00 Swimming Program
\$50 single child/\$100 per family P&C Levies

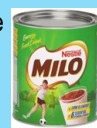
WANTED



Large coffee, Milo, Baby formula tins or similar. If you have any of these treasures, Prep would love to repurpose them. Please

drop off at Prep L.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Tennis Coaching WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL

ROBERT WILLIAMS

TCA ADVANCED (LEVEL 2) TA CLUB PROFESSIONAL COACH



Tuesday (prep only) 12.30pm-1.00pm
Tuesday 1.10pm - 1.40pm (Year 1,2,3)
Thursday 1.10pm - 1.40pm (Year 4,5,6)
6-8 pupils - ½ hour - \$80.00 per term
(family discount) min 8 wk term

For further information and enrolment
Phone Robert (Mb)0413 488 303
or (h)4635 5655 / e-mail
rwtc@bigpond.com



It's essential to be taught from the start with **updated techniques** and **analysed stroke correction** from an **experienced, registered TCA Advanced Level 2 TA Club Professional accredited & updated coach.**